



## THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

MAYOR DOMENIC J. SARNO

*HOME OF THE BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME*

### *Proclamation*

*Whereas,*

The month of May is Mental Health Awareness Month. An estimated one in five Americans experience mental illness. Almost all Americans have been touched by mental illness, either directly or through someone we care about – regardless of geography, politics or economics; and

*Whereas,*

Cities have seen the challenges families face as a result of mental illnesses. Mental illness disproportionately affects the most vulnerable in our cities – those living at the intersection of homelessness, poverty, and mental health; and

*Whereas,*

We must continue to do more and invest in solutions that will save lives, by helping people manage treatable diseases and avoid costly emergency room visits or inpatient hospital stays. Investing in prevention and promotion of mental health will yield substantial cost-benefits and improve social outcomes in every aspect of our communities; and

*Whereas,*

The City of Springfield is one of the 154 participating cities of the Cities Thrive Coalition, whose core mission is to create a stronger, better funded, and more integrated behavior health system for all Americans. The City of Springfield is taking action in the Cities Thrive Coalition Mental Health Day of Action.

*Therefore, I, Domenic J. Sarno, Mayor*

of the City of Springfield, do hereby proclaim

**Wednesday, May 24, 2017**

**“Mental Health Awareness Day”**

in the great City of Springfield and I strongly encourage all our citizens to join with me in acknowledging this event.

  
DOMENIC J. SARNO, MAYOR

*Good Health  
& God Bless.*

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